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RPT INFO: AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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1. Commencing at 0730 Saigon time 9 May South Vietnamese Riverine forces accompanied by a small number of U.S. support forces will proceed up Mekong River to the ferry crossing on Route 1. At the same time ground forces will make an assault against an enemy base area 20 kilometers to east of Takeo (on both sides of river). The objective of this combined operation will be to destroy enemy supplies and logistics, and forces will withdraw upon completion of this operation. The objective of the Riverine operation will be to secure highway 1 between the ferry site and Svay Rieng City. The Riverine force will interdict enemy use of the Mekong River and provide surface lifts for refugees and security for merchant shipping. You will note that, contrary to press reports, this plan does not rpt not

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envisage any forces proceeding beyond the ferry crossing on Route 1.

2. While we realize the difficulty of the early morning hour in Phnom Penh, we would hope that you could find some way of informing Lon Nol of this operation not more than one hour before its initiation--that is, at 0530 Phnom Penh time.

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